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AMENDMENT

In response to the action mailed December 11, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 7, 13, 15, 16, and 18-20 as follows:

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b) 7. (Amended) A process for making a catalyst ink for a fuel cell, comprising mixing, at room temperature, components comprising water, particles of a fluorocarbon polymer with a particle size of 1 to 4 microns, and a catalytic material.

b2 13. (Amended) A process for making an electrode assembly for a fuel cell, comprising:

(a) providing a catalyst ink comprising water, particles of a fluorocarbon polymer with a particle size of 1 to 4 microns, and a catalytic material; and
(b) applying the catalyst ink at room temperature to at least one side of a substrate.

b3 15. (Twice Amended) The process of claim 14, further comprising roughening the side of the membrane prior to applying the catalyst ink.

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